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Dear Mac,

An adverse weather forecast, snow and sleet, together with the cold - it has not yet warmed up to freezing - impels me to leave earlier than I would to get this in the mail. After I return I will finish on the prospective witnesses. I am somewhat handicapped by not knowing your doctrine, what you want to show, with what overtones. I have, by the way, looked at Thompson's impressive but inadequate and incomplete list. There is nothing new in it and it doesn't have nearly what it should on those listed. However, I did not ignore your suggestion. I have also checked around with other critics, who have had very few suggestions, some none at all.

Because I persist in the notion the Hepburn operation was aimed at the trial, even if it also had other designs and purposes that also seem clear to me, I try and keep up with that. I now learn from a Canadian associate that these boys were not French intelligence but <u>former</u> French intelligence, or at least they are so said to have identified themselves. This sounds even more like the Agency to me.

There also seems to be quite a difference between the English and other editions of the book, with things omitted from the English edition, as on Fritz, etc., in Dallas.

Please remind Louis to try and get me a rundown on Villere and her 1029 Royal "Coal Scuttle". It may be important. Let us not get caught by surprise when we have no time to do anything. I am beginning to piece together some of the other connections. Nothing definitive.But, of a pattern.

Please also remind Louis he was to try and arrange a ticket to the courtroom for me. I think this can be very important.

If and when Alcock comes to DC for a court appearance, if he wants to save a hitel bill he can stay here. I can meet his plane also. It will be an hour to and from court. I can then show him things he may want to know then and may also for the trial. I will not be able to take this all to DC for him. He may want to leave himself enough time before the court appearance to master the essence of some rather important material.

The friend who was going to try and arrange a pad where I can work better than at Watt's has been unsuccessful. Keep an eye open, for even if the money is available for a motel, I need it more to put on my debts. It can be simple, but I'd like enough light to type nights and early morning without disturbing anyone and vice versa. A cot or sofa is adequate, the harder the better. I have a bad back that has been troubling me for weeks. If I have the use of the old Chevvy, the location makes no difference.